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SUBJECT: NVA DEFECTOR ALLEGES VC SUPPORTED TRUONG DINH DZU

1. STATEMENT BY RECENTLY DEFECTED NVA [ ] HAS PROVIDED US WITH FIRST INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE ALLEGEDLY IN A POSITION TO KNOW THAT VC URGED PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR TRUONG DINH DZU IN RECENT ELECTIONS AS RESULT OF RELATIVELY HIGH-LEVEL DIECSION. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT RPT NOT CONFIRMED. IT WAS OBTAINED BY EMBASSY PROVINCIAL REPORTED ON

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SEPT 19 IN INTERVIEW WITH DEFECTOR, CONDUCTED IN VIETNAMESE.

2. [ ] NVA, RALLIED SEPT 1 IN [ ] PROVINCE. HE SAYS HE WAS MEMBER

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OF [ ] PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE ([ ] IS NAME VC GIVE TO FOUR NORTHERN DISTRICTS OF [ ] WAS CREATED IN JULY 1967). [ ] SAYS HE WAS ALSO ADVISOR TO FIRST SECRETARY OF [ ] DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

3. [ ] STATES THAT ON AUGUST 25 HE RECEIVED AN ORDER FROM THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE, VC MILITARY REGION 6, DIRECTING ALL VC CADRE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ACTIVITY TO SABOTAGE THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS TO URGE THE PEOPLE UNDER VC INFLUENCE TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TRUONG DINH DZU. [ ] SAID THAT THE ORDER TO SUPPORT DZU HAD BEEN MADE BECAUSE OF DZU'S WISH TO FOLLOW THE ROAD OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY (ONE AY MUON DI THEO CON DUONG HOA BINH VA TRUNG LAP), AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN TALKS WITH THE NLF. ACCORDING TO [ ] THE ORDER TO SUPPORT DZU WAS A GENERAL ONE, THAT IS TO

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SAY IT WAS ISSUED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. [ ] ADDED THAT THERE WAS NO WAY TO INSURETHAT THE PEOPLE IN FACT DID VOTE FOR TRUONG DINH DZU. (COMMENT: IN [ ] PROVINCE 20 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS DID VOTE FOR DZU FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.) ASKED IF TRUONG DINH DZU HAD ANY RELATIONS WITH THE VIET CONG, [ ] REPLIED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW.

4. EMBOFF SAYS HE WAS CAREFUL NOT TO PUT WORDS IN THE [ ] MOUTH AND REPHRASED AND ASKED THE SAME QUESTION SEVERAL TIMES. [ ] SAID THAT HE DID NOT WANT GVN OFFICIALS INFORMED OF HIS STATEMENT OF THE VIET CONG'S SUPPORT FOR DZU FOR FEAR OF RETALIZATION BY "PARTISANS OF DZU". THIS IS FIRST REPORT WE HAVE HAD THAT THIS NVA OFFICER HAS DEFECTED AND WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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